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In re Patent Application of: Peter C. Chen

App. Ser. No.: 09/030,710 Group Art Unit: 2153

Filed: February 25, 1998 Examiner: Dung C. Dinh

Title: Communications Interface And Conflict Avoidance Using A Software

Simulation Of A UART

CERTIFICATE OF FACSIMILE TRANSMISSION

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PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT AND RESPONSE TO OFFICE ACTION

Mail Stop RCE Commissioner for Patents P.O. Box 1450 Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Dear Sir:

This is a response to the Office Action mailed April 09, 2004 in response to which Applicant filed a Notice of Appeal on October 12, 2004. Accordingly, Applicant hereby files this RCE under 37 CFR 1.114.

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Petition for Extension of Time:

Applicant hereby petitions for a 5-month extension of time, extending the statutory period for a reply from December 12, 2004 to present. The Commissioner is authorized to charge Deposit Account 03-3975, Order No. 069509-0302131 (PCTEL-3206-1C), for the requisite 5-month large-entity extension fee of \$2160.00.

Enclosed Documents

Applicant has enclosed herewith the following:

- 1) Request for Continued Examination (RCE);
- 2) Fee Transmittal letter, and
- 3) Petition for 5-month Extension of Time.

Please amend the application as follows: